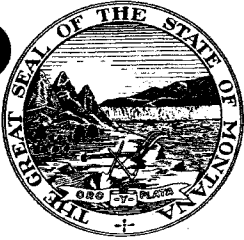


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Representative Don Roberts, Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee for
Health and Human Services
State Capitol Building
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Chairman Roberts:

The following item is in response to a subcommittee member question during the Department of Public Health and Human Services presentation on January 14, 2011.

Question from subcommittee member Senator Lewis related to a discussion of the RBRVS methodology used by Montana Medicaid to reimburse physicians and other providers: 1. What are the conversion factors for Medicaid in comparison to Medicare, Montana health plans and workers compensation?

1. Montana Medicaid's present conversion factor for physicians is \$40.09.
2. Medicare's conversion factor was reduced effective January 2011 from \$36.8729 to \$33.9764.
3. The conversion factor for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana is \$59.50 and for New West Health Services is \$60.39.
4. The Montana Workers Compensation conversion factor is \$65.28.

Please feel free to contact either Terry Krantz at 444-4458 or me at 444-4084 or mdalton@mt.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary E. Dalton".

Mary E. Dalton
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cc: Subcommittee Members
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